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REMARKS/DISCUSSION OF ISSUES

In the Non-Final Office Action of March 7, 2005, Examiner Ng objected to and rejected claims 12-31 as follows.

1. Examiner Ng rejected pending claims 12, 15-21, 28 and 30 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,374,099 to *Bi et al.*;
2. Examiner Ng rejected claims 13 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,374,099 to *Bi et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,621,087 to *Jung et al.*;
3. Examiner Ng rejected claim 27 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,374,099 to *Bi et al.* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,078,572 to *Tunno et al.*; and
4. Examiner Ng objected to claims 22-26, 29 and 31 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

The Applicant has cancelled claims 12-31 herein and added new claims 32-40 to encompass cancelled dependent claims 22, 24, 29 and 32 as being rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the respective cancelled base claims and any intervening cancelled claim. Withdrawal of the objection and rejections of cancelled claims 12-31, and an allowance of claims 32-40 are therefore respectfully requested.

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SUMMARY

The Applicant respectfully submits that claims 32-40 as listed herein fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §§ 102, 103 and 112. In view of the foregoing, favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the present application is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue that may best be resolved through a personal or telephonic interview, Examiner Ng is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

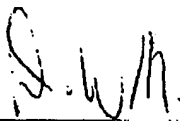
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